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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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Cyril J. SCHWEICH, Jr. et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3762
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Application No.: 10/073,968	)	Examiner: J. Jastrzab
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Filed: February 14, 2002	)	
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For: HEART WALL TENSION	)	Confirmation No.: 8329
REDUCTION APPARATUS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
AND  
SUGGESTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.202 FOR AN  
INTERFERENCE WITH U.S. PATENT NOS. 6,190,408 AND 6,409,760**

In reply to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2005, the period for response having been extended to January 23, 2006 (January 22, 2006, being a Sunday), by a Petition for Extension of Time - One Month - and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and further to the Amendments of February 14, 2002, and January 24, 2003, Applicants make this submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.202 to provoke an interference with U.S. Patent Nos. 6,190,408 ("the '408 patent") (attached as Exhibit A) and 6,409,760 ("the '760 patent") (attached as Exhibit B). Additionally, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.